

au • aw**/aw/ as in sauce and paw***au never ends a word — aw can, and likes to sit
before n and l.*

1 Circle the words with au or
aw.



saw

cat

haul

paw

arm

sauce

draw

launch

art

lawn

yawn

straw

ant

crawl

hawk

dawn

**FOR THE GROWN-UP**

au and aw both say /aw/ — sauce, saw. The rule: au never ends a word; aw can, and it often comes before n or l (yawn, crawl).

2 Sort the words into the right column.

Tip: au never ends a word. aw can — and it likes to sit before n and l (yawn, crawl).

WORD BANK

saw

haul

paw

sauce

draw

launch

lawn

author

straw

pause

yawn

fault

au

aw

3 Write the missing team: au or

aw?
Tip: au never ends a word. aw can.

LIKE THIS

s aw

h ____ l

dr ____

s ____ ce

l ____ n

l ____ nch

str ____

y ____ n

Say each word out loud first — then decide which team spells it.

4 Read the story.

I saw a hawk on the lawn. The hawk has straw in its claws. It will not pause. It will not yawn. Up it goes! The straw is for the nest. At dawn I saw it again.

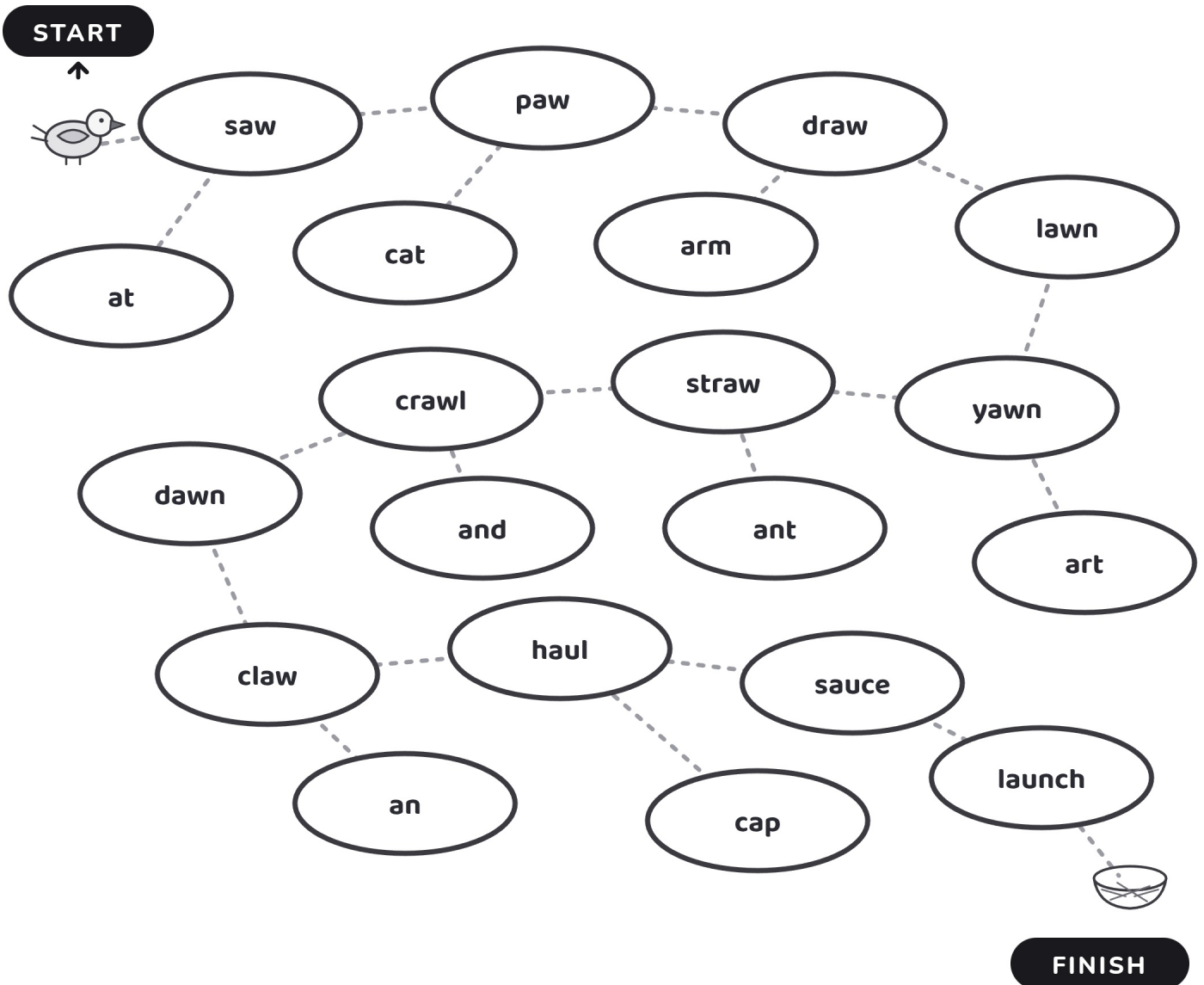
Read it three times — colour a star each time.



5 Maze time! Help the hawk carry the straw to the nest.

 You'll need: a pencil — that's it!

Start at **START**. Only step on stones with the /aw/ sound. Wrong-sound stones are dead ends!



Stuck? Say each word out loud — your ears will find the path. The dotted lines show which stones you can hop between.

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